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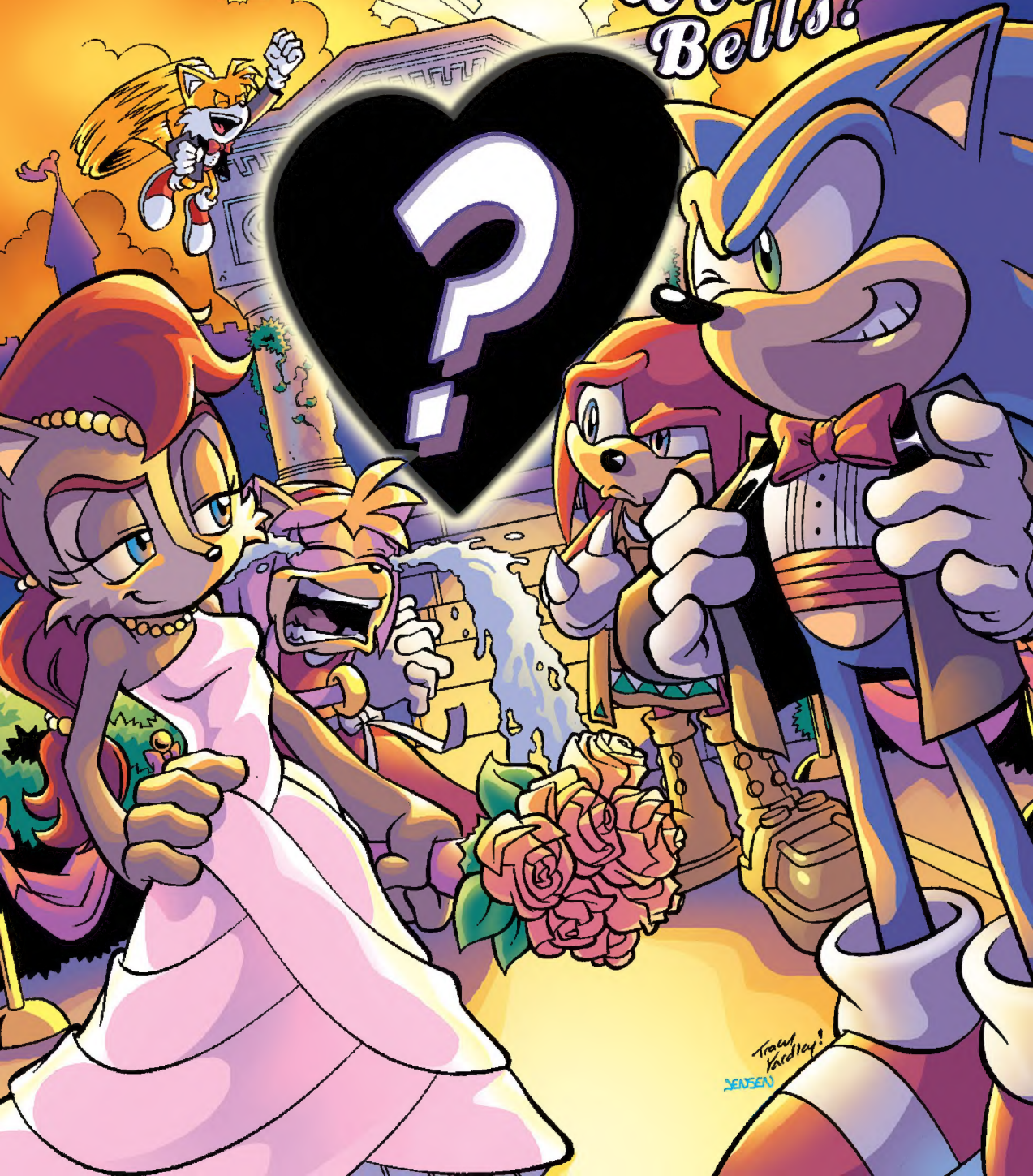
THE WORLD'S MOST WAY PAST COOL COMIC!

SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

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Wedding
Bells?



Tracey
Tardley!
SEVEN

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE BEEN FIGHTING THE BRILLIANT AND SINISTER DOCTOR EGGMAN FOR THEIR LIBERTY FOR OVER A DECADE. DURING THAT TIME, THEY'VE LOST SO MUCH, IT SEEMS ONLY RIGHT THAT THEY'VE BECOME CLOSER. ANTOINE D'COOLETTE'S MARRIAGE TO BUNNIE RABBOT COMES AS NO SURPRISE, NOR DOES IT THAT SONIC IS FOUND UNDER THE CARE OF HIS UNCLE CHUCK.

AND HERE I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T ONE FOR TITLES, SONIC.

I'LL MAKE AN EXCEPTION ON THIS ONE, UNCLE CHUCK. IT'S NOT EVERY DAY YOU GET TO BE **BEST MAN** FOR YOUR BUDDY'S WEDDING.

BUT AFTER THE WHOLE THING WITH FIONA,* I'M PRETTY HAPPY FLYING SOLO.

STILL MAYBE ANTOINE CAN RETURN THE FAVOR ONE DAY?

*SEE 5TH # 172 FOR THE DETAILS.

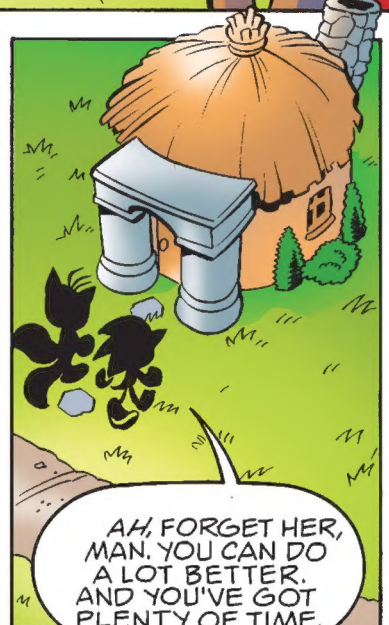
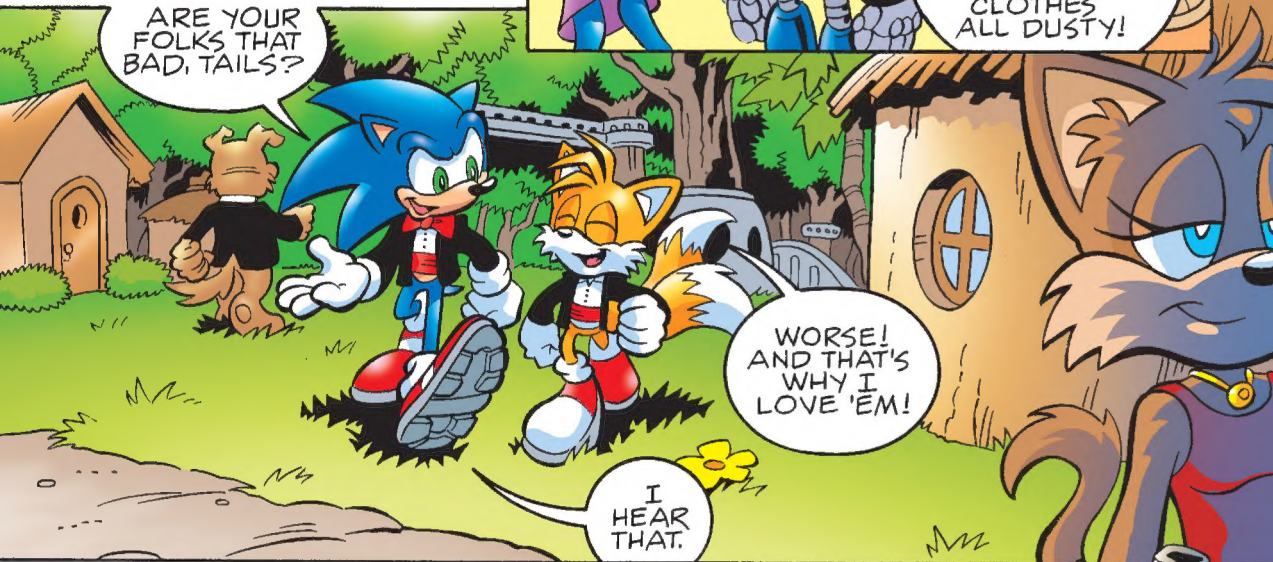
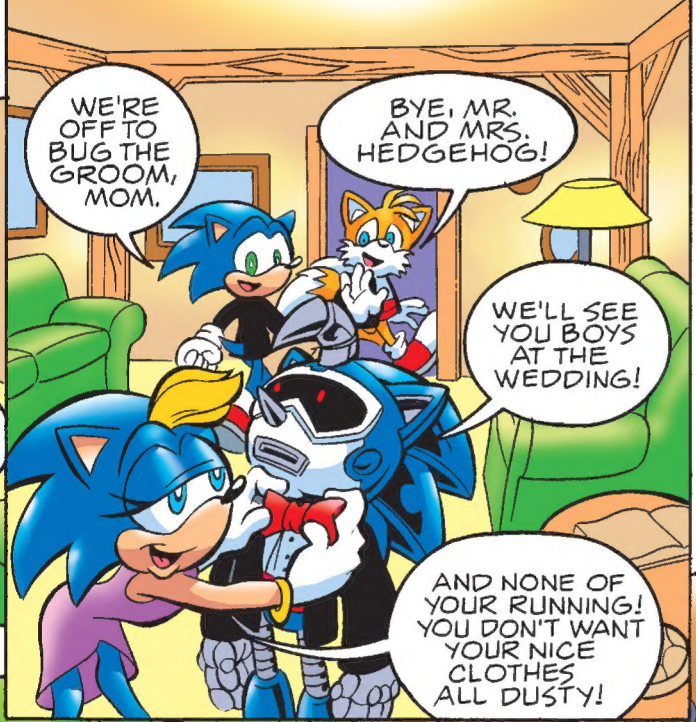
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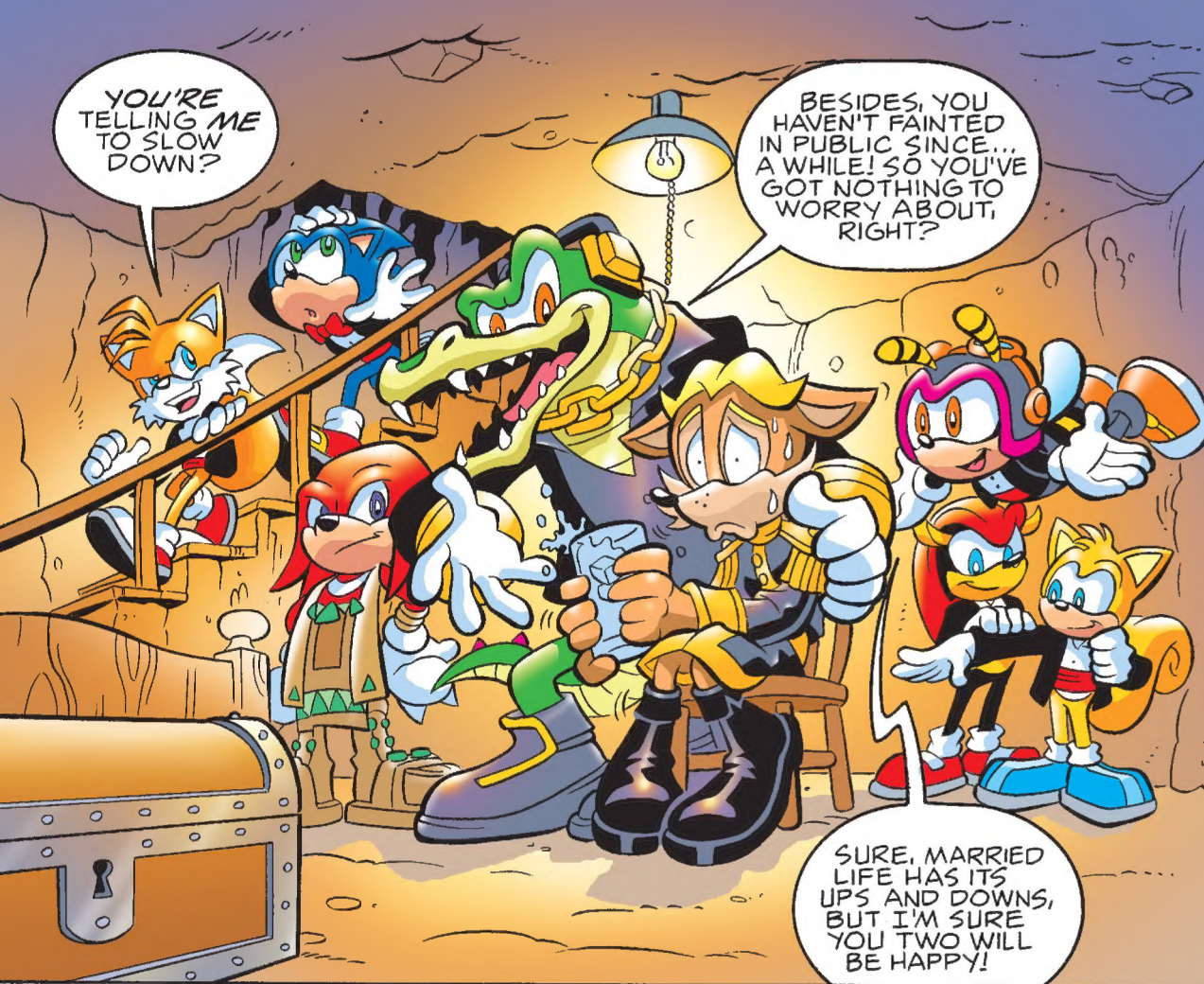
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YOU'RE TELLING ME TO SLOW DOWN?

BESIDES, YOU HAVEN'T FAINTED IN PUBLIC SINCE... A WHILE! SO YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, RIGHT?

SURE, MARRIED LIFE HAS ITS UPS AND DOWNS, BUT I'M SURE YOU TWO WILL BE HAPPY!



VECTOR IS GIVING ADVICE?

WHETHER ANTOINE WANTS IT OR NOT, READY TO BE THE BEST MAN?

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN "THE BEST MAN," WHERE'S ESPIO?



HE'S ON A MISSION. HE SAID HE'D BE BACK IN TIME FOR THE CEREMONY.

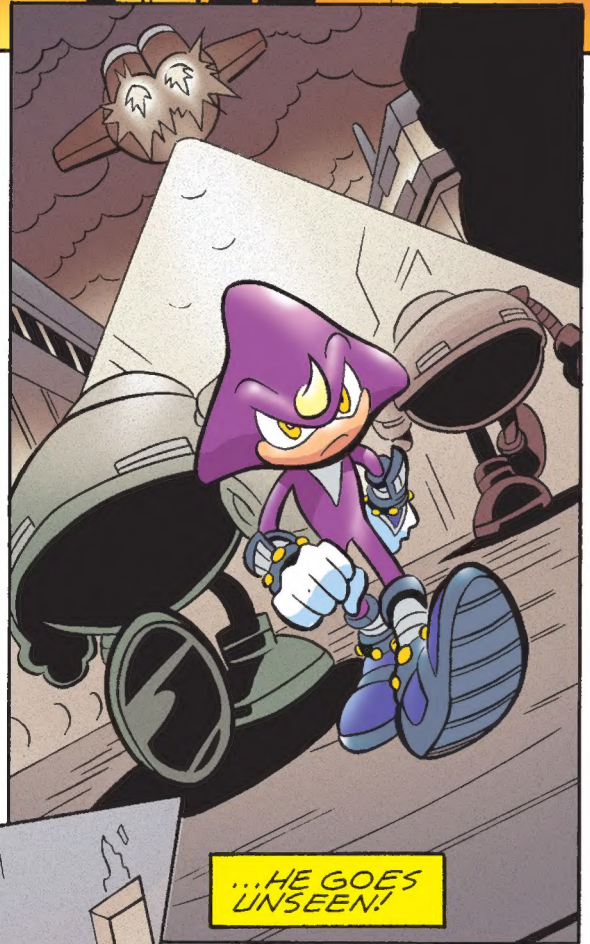
YEAH, BUT ALONE?

YOU KNOW ESPIO...

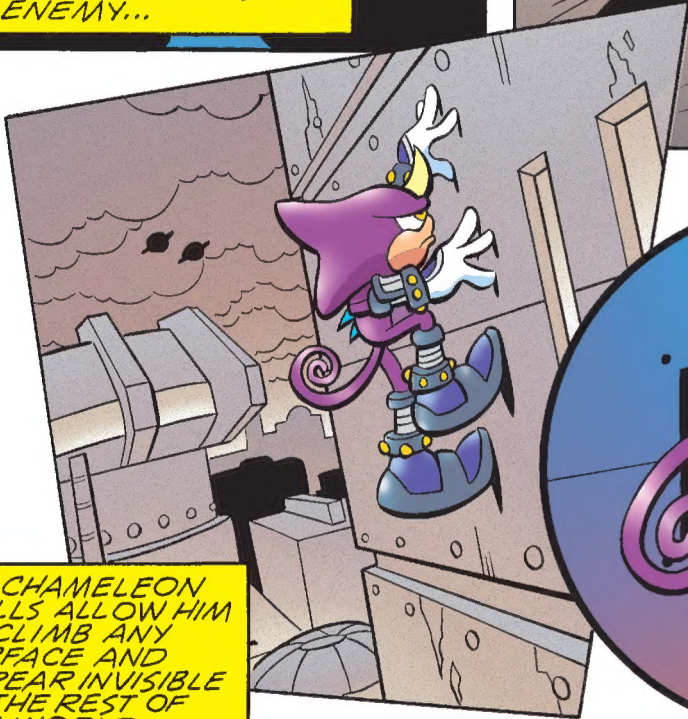
...HE THINKS HE CAN DO ANYTHING.



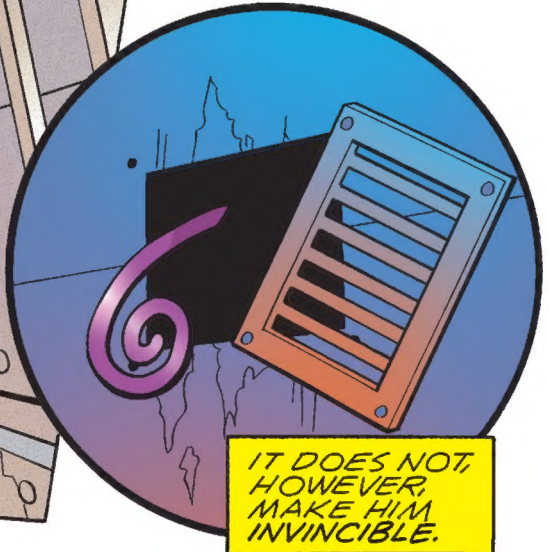
ESPIO IS RIGHTFULLY BOASTFUL, EVEN WHEN HE IS WITHIN THE CITY OF HIS ENEMY...



...HE GOES UNSEEN!



HIS CHAMELEON SKILLS ALLOW HIM TO CLIMB ANY SURFACE AND APPEAR INVISIBLE TO THE REST OF THE WORLD.



IT DOES NOT, HOWEVER, MAKE HIM INVINCIBLE.

WHILE ESPIO PROCEEDS INTO CERTAIN PERIL, THE PREPARATIONS PROCEED AS PLANNED.

YOU LEAVE BUNNIE TO US. GO BOTHER THE GROOM.

THE CHAOTIX BEAT ME TO IT. CAN'T I DO ANYTHING, ROSIE?

CONVINCE JULIE-SU SHE LOOKS FINE IN A DRESS.

LET'S NOT ASK FOR MIRACLES HERE.

ALL RIGHT, THEN...

KEEP OUR FLOWER GIRL ENTERTAINED UNTIL THE CEREMONY!

SONIC!

AMY?!

AW, ROSIE, THAT WAS CRUEL!

BUT FUNNY.

OF COURSE.

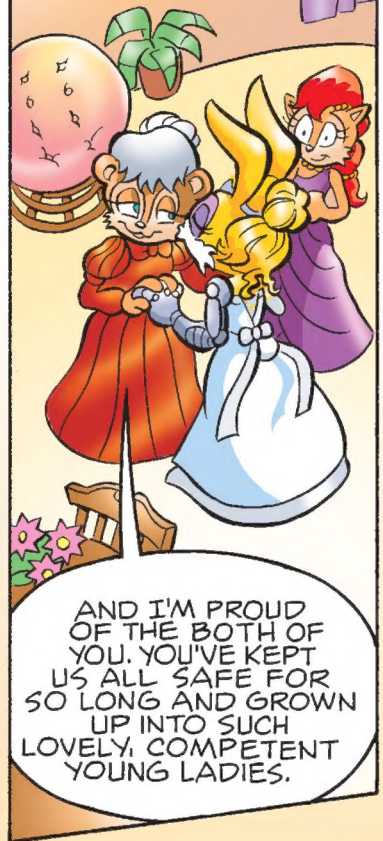
AH, SALLY... YOU'RE THE BEST!

ISN'T IT IRONIC? WHEN YOU FIRST CAME TO US, YOU WANTED TO BE MY HAIR STYLIST.

SHO'NUFF!
AND AH STILL WILL
--WHEN AH'M NOT
SMASHING BADNIKS
OR SPENDIN' TIME
WITH MAH MAN!

I'M
PROUD
OF YOU,
BUNNIE,
ANTOINE'S
A GOOD
MAN.

AH COUNT
MAH LUCKY STARS
AH GOT HIM. WE'VE
BOTH LOST SO MUCH--
IT'S ONLY RIGHT THAT
WE'RE THERE TO
SUPPORT EACH
OTHER.



THANK
YOU, ROSIE!
MAYBE SALLY
WILL FOLLOW
MAH LEAD AND
MARRY SOON,
TOO!

OH, YES!
SOMEONE
HANDSOME
AND
BRAVE
...AND
BLUE...

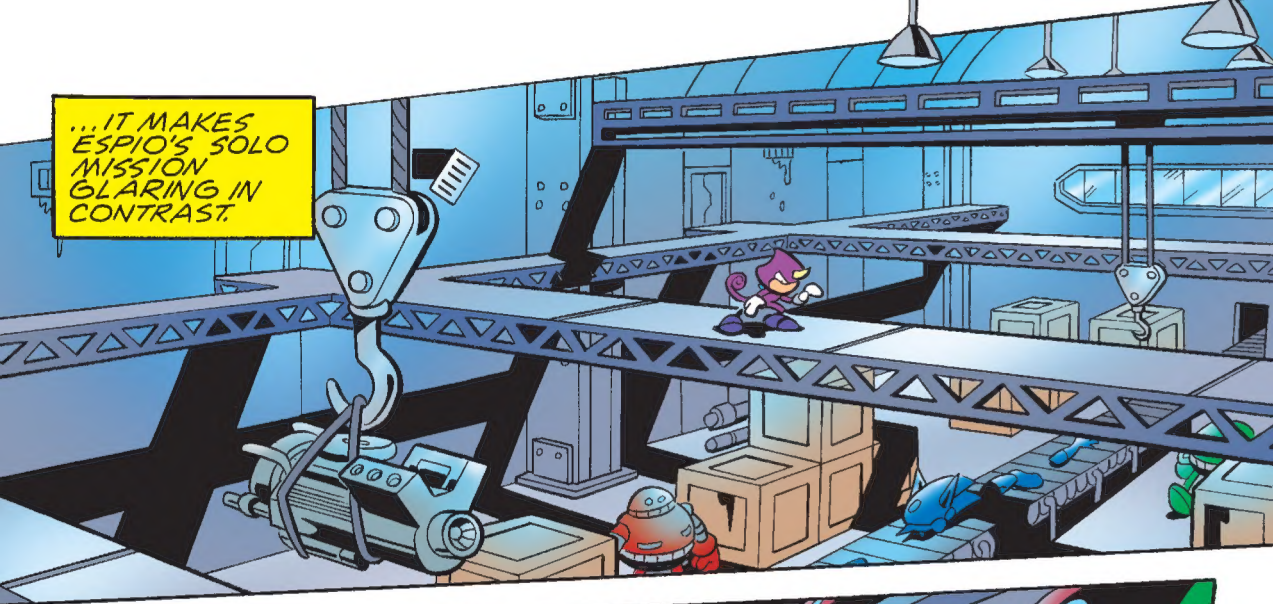
OH, NO,
YOU TWO
DON'T. I'M
PERFECTLY
HAPPY
BEING
SINGLE
RIGHT NOW.
THANK
YOU.

SULULUURE
YOU ARE!

HAHAHAHA!

SUCH LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP
BETWEEN SUCH DIFFERENT
CLASSES AND AGES...

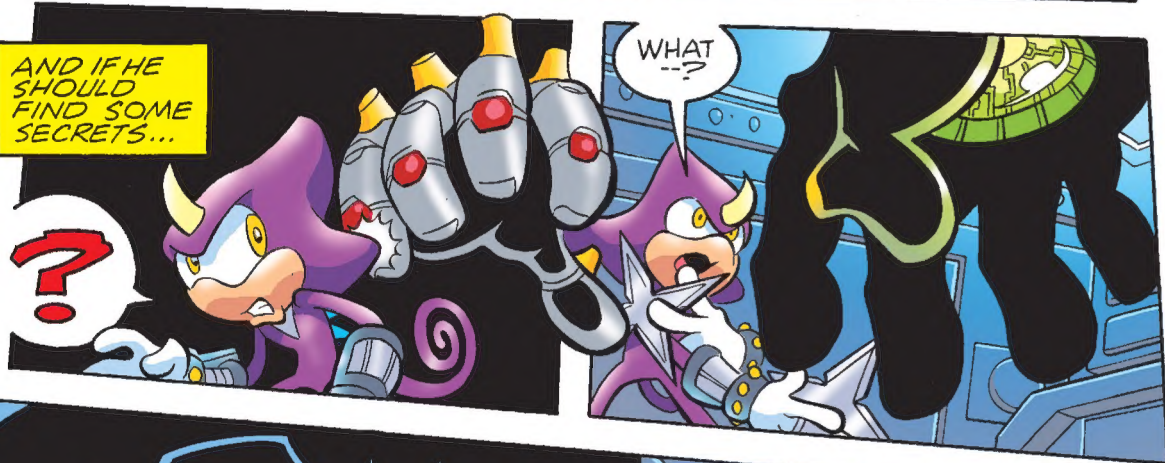
... IT MAKES
ESPIO'S SOLO
MISSION
GLARING IN
CONTRAST.



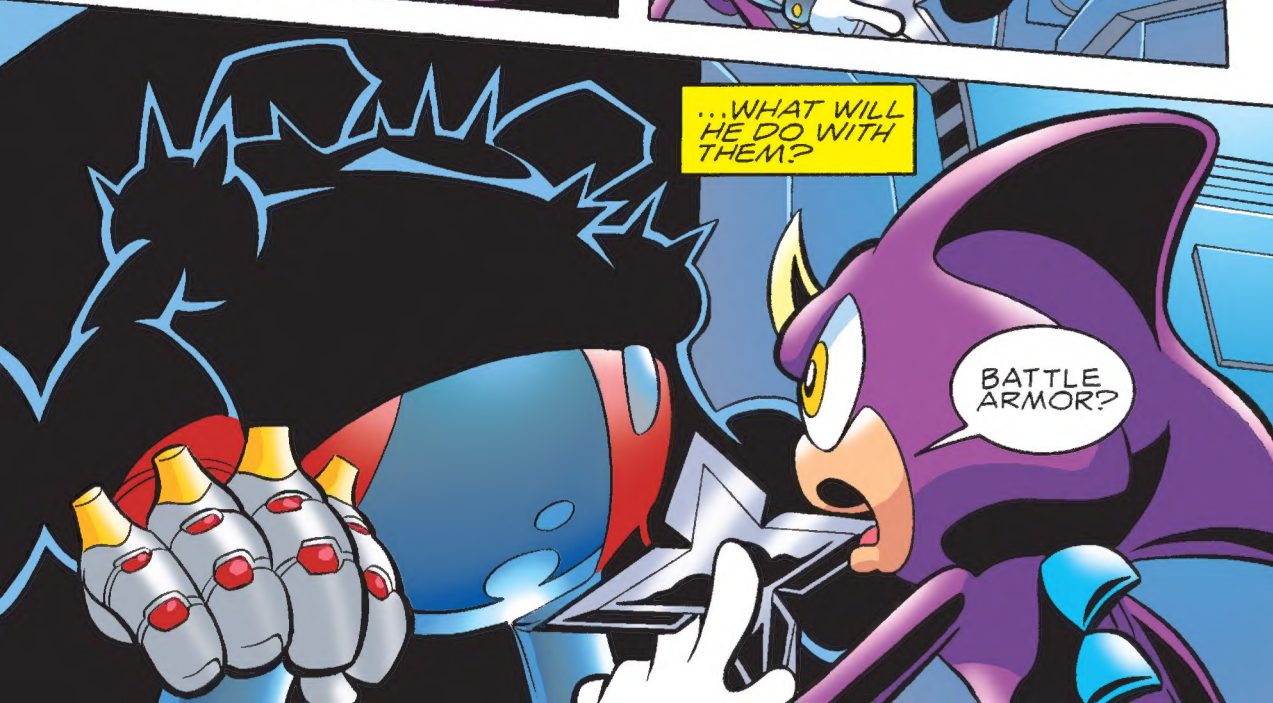
WHAT DOES HE RISK
HIS LIFE FOR? WHAT
SECRET DOES HE
SEEK TO UNCOVER?



AND IF HE
SHOULD
FIND SOME
SECRETS...



...WHAT WILL
HE DO WITH
THEM?



AS ESPIO GETS CLOSER TO THE TRUTH, THE CITIZENS OF KNOTHOLE REMAIN OBLIVIOUS...

HAVE YOU HEARD FROM ESPIO YET, MAN?

NOTHING. HE'S RUNNING OUT OF TIME.

HEY, GUYS.

H-HEY! JULIE-SU. WOW!

HEY, JS, YOU'RE LOOKING GOOD.

THANKS, YOU'RE SWEET. I HATE DRESSING UP LIKE THIS.

I THINK SHE LOOKS GOOD. DON'T YOU, KNUX?

I-- SHE-- YES!

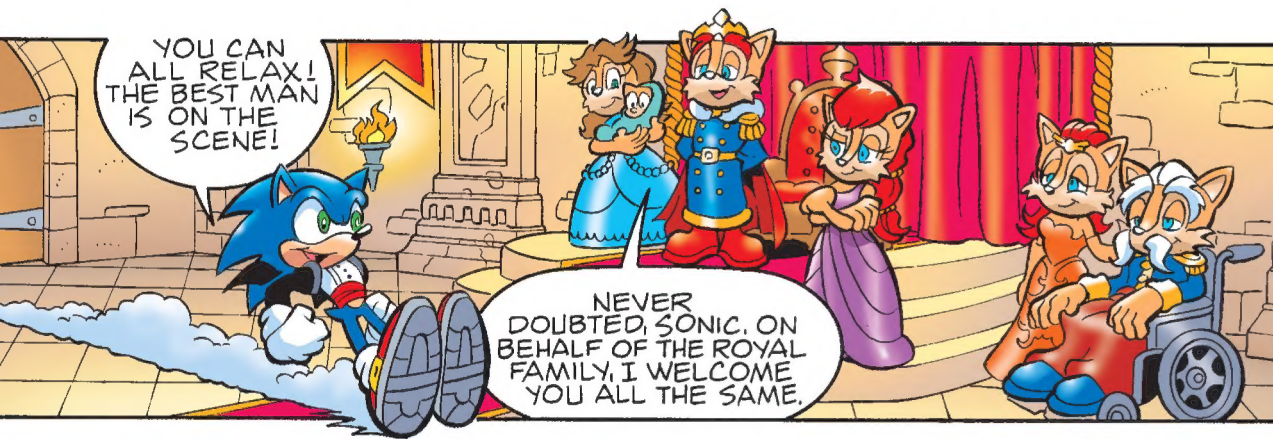
HA! THANKS, HUN.

SO WHEN CAN WE EXPECT YOU TWO TO MAKE IT OFFICIAL?

AND DRESS UP EVEN MORE? NO, THANKS. BESIDES, THE DARK LEGION NEVER HAD ANY SORT OF CEREMONY.

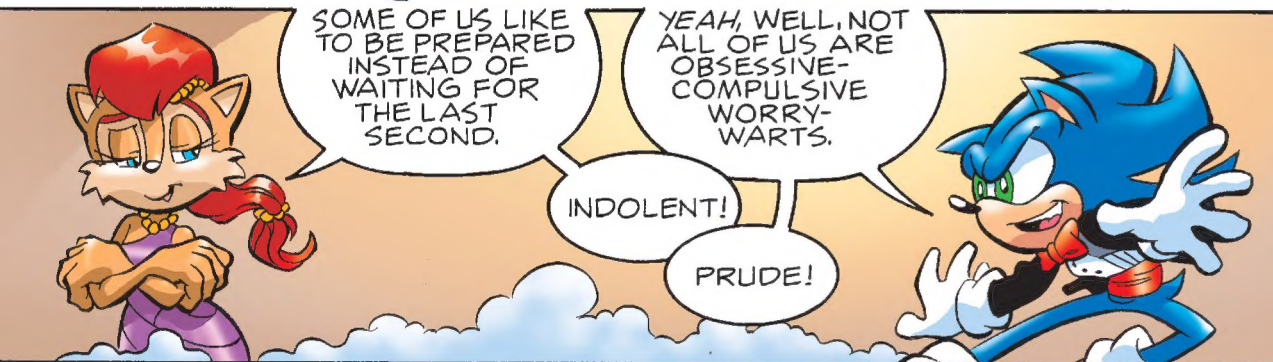
AND EVEN IF THEY DID, WHY DO WE NEED A CEREMONY? ANTOINE AND BUNNIE ARE WELCOME TO THEIRS. BUT I THINK MY WORD TO JULIE-SU IS AS GOOD AS ANYTHING.

I GET YA! I NEED TO GET IN PLACE, GUYS! CATCH YA AT THE RECEPTION!



YOU CAN ALL RELAX! THE BEST MAN IS ON THE SCENE!

NEVER DOUBTED, SONIC, ON BEHALF OF THE ROYAL FAMILY, I WELCOME YOU ALL THE SAME.



SOME OF US LIKE TO BE PREPARED INSTEAD OF WAITING FOR THE LAST SECOND.

YEAH, WELL, NOT ALL OF US ARE OBSESSIVE-COMPULSIVE WORRY-WARTS.

INDOLENT!

PRUDE!



DO YOU REMEMBER HOW WE USED TO TEASE LIKE THAT, MAXIMILLIAN?

WE'RE NOT TEASING!

YOUNG LOVE CAN BE SO CRUEL.

WELL, I AM.

IT'S BORDERLINE TREASON, OTHERWISE.



NONSENSE, SONIC, THE CROWN RECOGNIZES YOUR SERVICE. YOU'RE PRACTICALLY FAMILY-- AND ALMOST WERE AT ONE POINT.

ER...

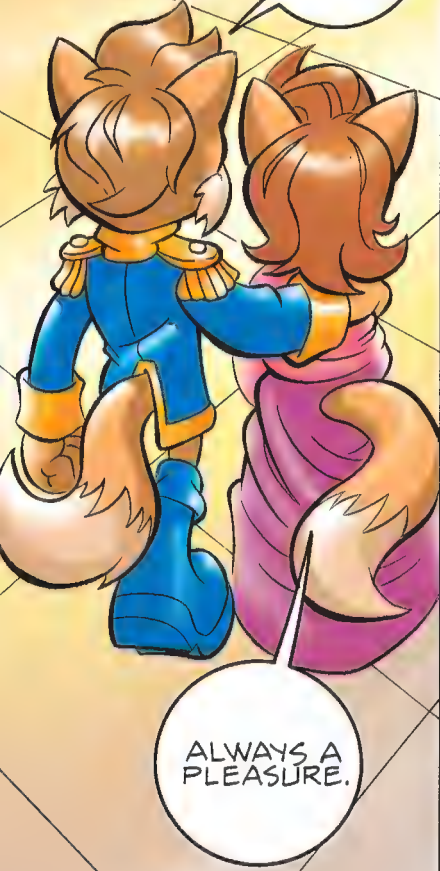
HEH, YEAH-- BUT THAT SEEMS LIKE FOREVER AGO...

YES...



OH, LOOK!
IT'S TAILS!
MOM AND DAD!
HI, MR. AND
MRS. PROWER!

GOOD AFTER-
NOON,
SONIC.



ALWAYS A
PLEASURE.

COMMANDER PROWER!
THANK YOU AGAIN FOR
LEADING THE HONOR
GUARD FOR TODAY'S
CEREMONY!

MY PLEASURE,
YOUR HIGHNESS.
IT'S MOST
GRACIOUS OF
YOU TO PERFORM
THE UNION FOR
THEM.

THE
HONOR
IS MINE.



AND THAT,
SIRE, IS WHY
I AM SO
OPTIMISTIC
FOR OUR
GREAT
NATION.

SOON YOU WON'T
HAVE MUCH MORE
POWER THAN THAT,
ANYWAY.

UM...MOM?
HERE'S THE
UPDATED
ATTENDANCE
LIST.



THANK
YOU,
TAILS.

WHAT DID
YOU MEAN
BY THAT,
DAD?

JUST THAT YOUR MOTHER
AND I HAVE A NUMBER OF
SUGGESTIONS FOR THE
STRUCTURE OF THE
KINGDOM, TAILS. NEW
PLANS TO BETTER THE
LIVES FOR EVERYONE
IN KNOTHOLE.



OH--OKAY!
THERE'S ONLY
ONE GUY MISSING
FROM THE LIST I
GAVE MOM.

THAT "ONE GUY"
IS ESPIO, OF
COURSE.

- ...
- ...
- ...
- ...

AS THE CEREMONY
NEARS ITS START
TIME...

...ESPION NEARS THE
TRUTH OF DR. EGG-
MAN'S PLAN.

THE COMPLETE,
HORRIFYING,
UNSTOPPABLE
PLAN...

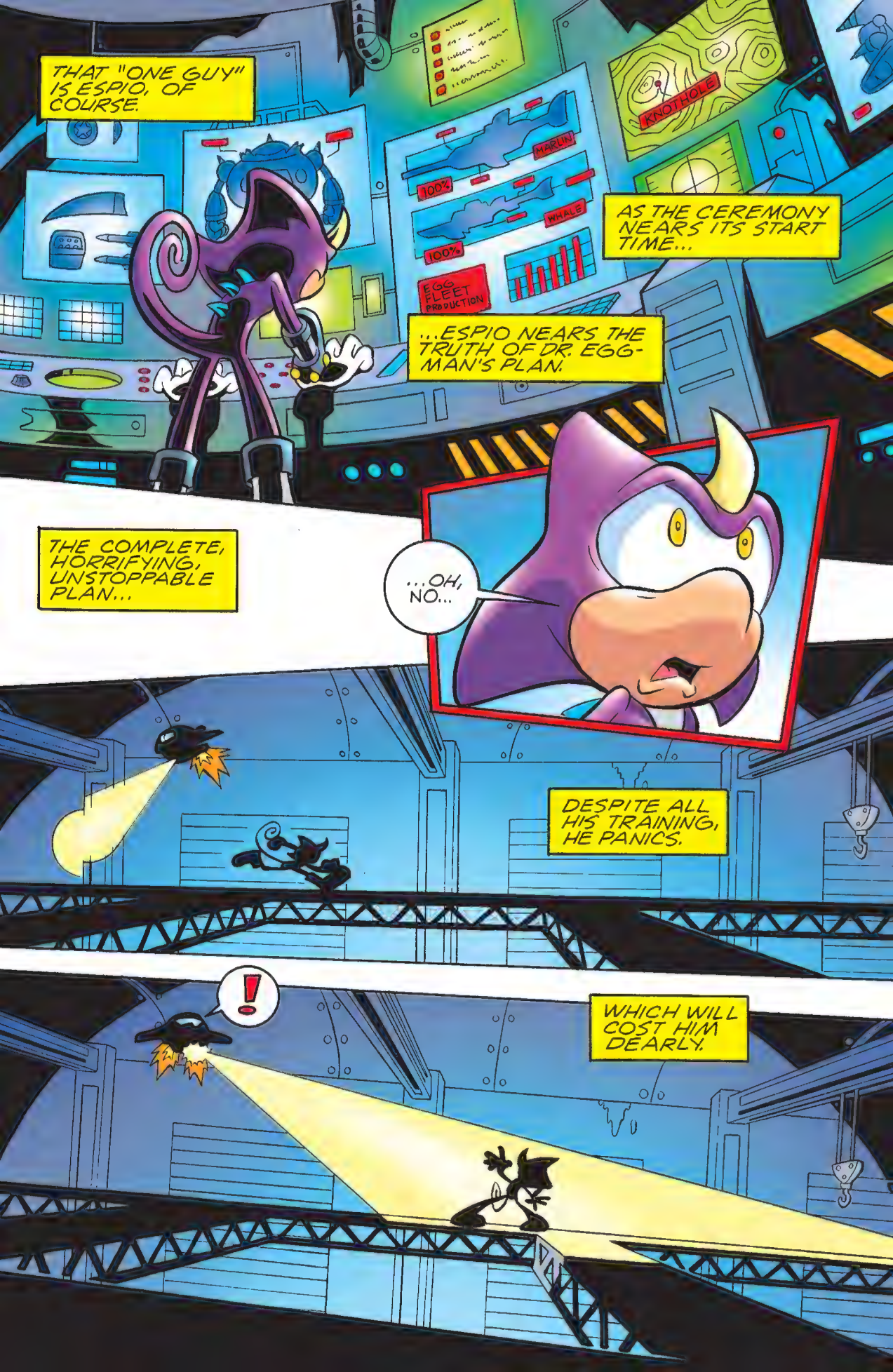
...OH,
NO...



DESPITE ALL
HIS TRAINING,
HE PANICS.

!

WHICH WILL
COST HIM
DEARLY.



BUT EVERYONE ELSE WOULDN'T KNOW ABOUT THAT, WOULD THEY?

MY PEOPLE OF KNOTHOLE!

TODAY WE ARE GATHERED TO SEE THE UNION OF TWO OF OUR FINEST! TWO FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO, LIKE ALL OF US, HAVE LOST A GREAT DEAL IN OUR STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM--

BUT LIKE US ALL, THEY HAVE SHOWN THE COURAGE TO MAKE IT TO THIS DAY.

IT IS BECAUSE OF THEIR SELFLESSNESS THAT WE CAN ENJOY THIS MOMENT.

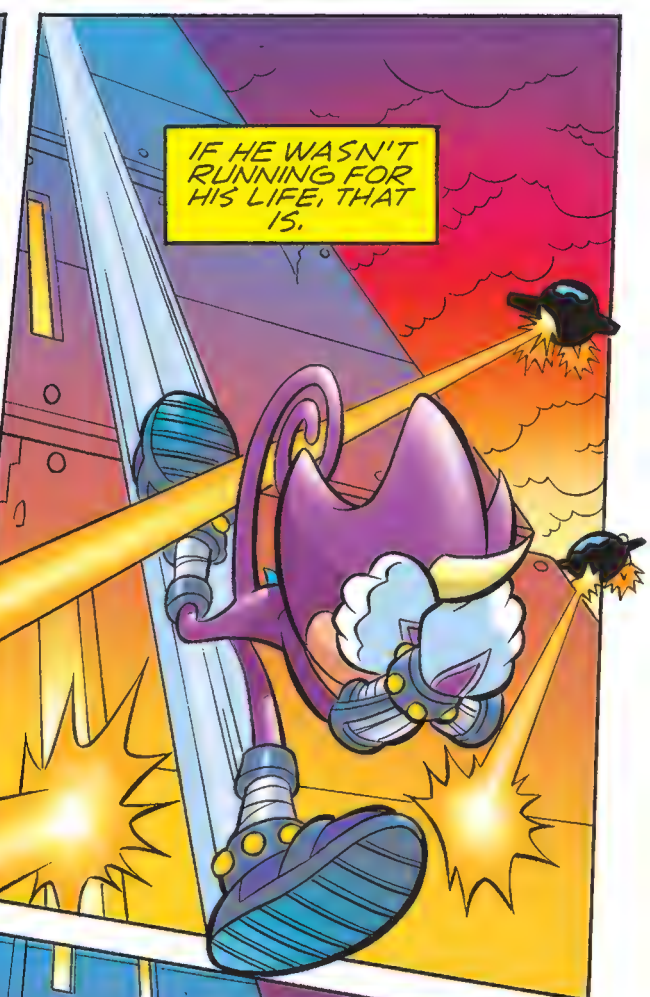
AND WE HAVE NOTHING BUT THANKS FOR THEIR ACTIONS-- AND FOR LETTING US JOIN THEM ON THEIR HAPPIEST OF DAYS!

WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, IT IS MY GREAT PLEASURE TO UNITE COMMANDER ANTOINE D'COOLETTE AND BUNNIE RABBOT IN A UNION FOR LIFE.

ISN'T IT TOUCHING!?

A close-up of Espio being pelted with multiple yellow laser beams from a red robot. He is shown in mid-air, dodging the attacks. The background shows a blue sky and parts of a building.

I'M SURE ESPIO
WOULD THINK SO.

Espio is shown in a dynamic pose, dodging a single yellow laser beam. He has a determined expression. The background is a sunset sky with orange and red hues.

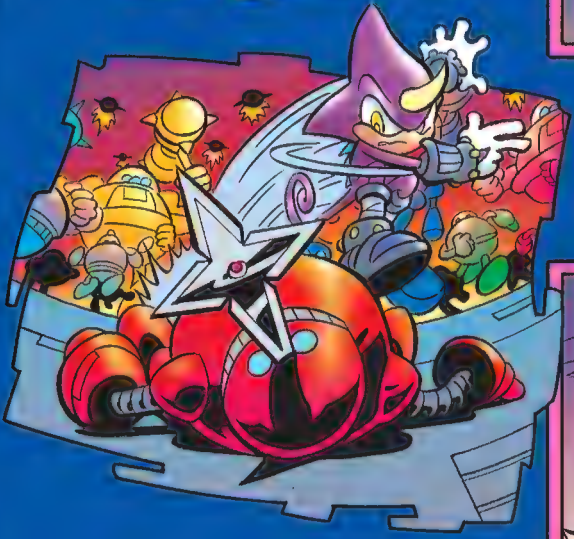
IF HE WASN'T
RUNNING FOR
HIS LIFE, THAT
IS.

A wide shot of Espio dodging a laser beam while surrounded by a large group of red robots. The robots are holding various weapons and are positioned around a large blue structure. The scene is set against a sunset sky.

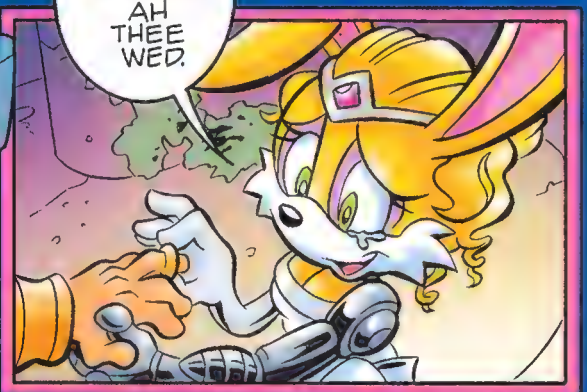
BUT IT SERVES
HIM RIGHT!



W-W-
WITH
TH-THIS
RING,
I-I-I
TH-THEE
WED!



WITH
THIS
R-RING,
AH
THEE
WED.



I NOW
PRONOUNCE
YOU
HUSBAND
AND
WIFE!



AND WHILE KNOTHOLE CELEBRATES ONE OF ITS HAPPIEST DAYS...



...ESPIO IS EXPERIENCING HIS LAST.

I'VE SEEN YOUR PLANS. I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO.

IT WILL NEVER WORK. THEY'LL SEE YOU COMING. THEY'LL RESCUE ME.

HA! YOU MUST NOT HAVE READ THE REPORT CLEARLY.

BWVVT!

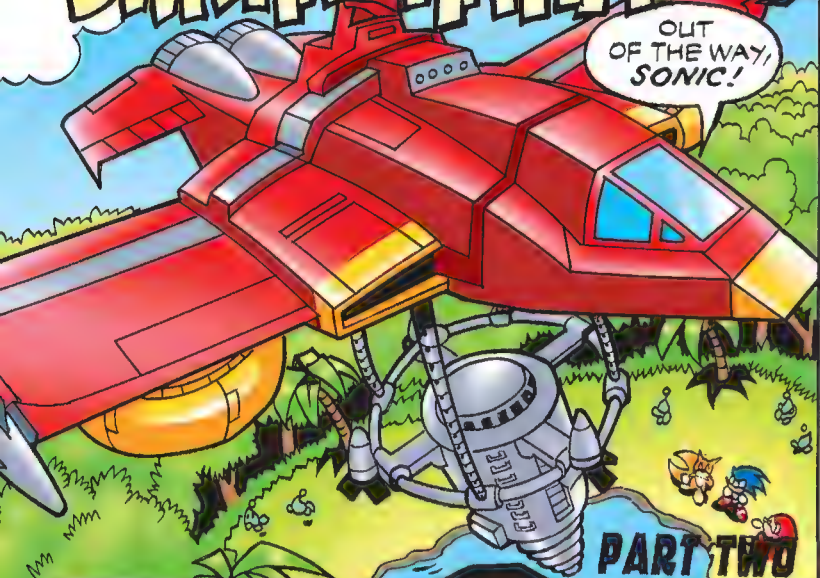


THEY DON'T STAND A CHANCE.

THE PREPARATIONS ARE OVER! OUR HEROES' TIME IS UP! BRACE YOURSELVES OVER THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS FOR--**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #175--EGGMAN'S EMPIRE!** IN THE MEANTIME, LOOK FOR MORE SONIC ADVENTURES IN **SONIC X #19** ON SALE NOW!
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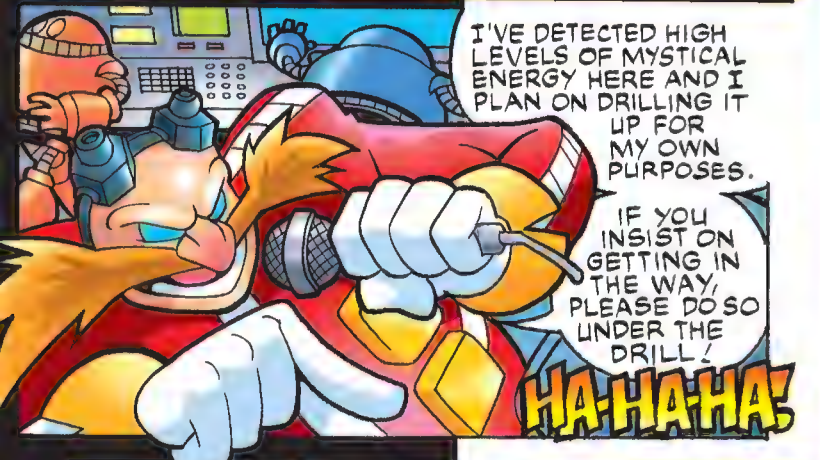
BWA-HA-HA-HA!

OUT OF THE WAY, SONIC!



PART TWO SEE YA' LATER CHAO

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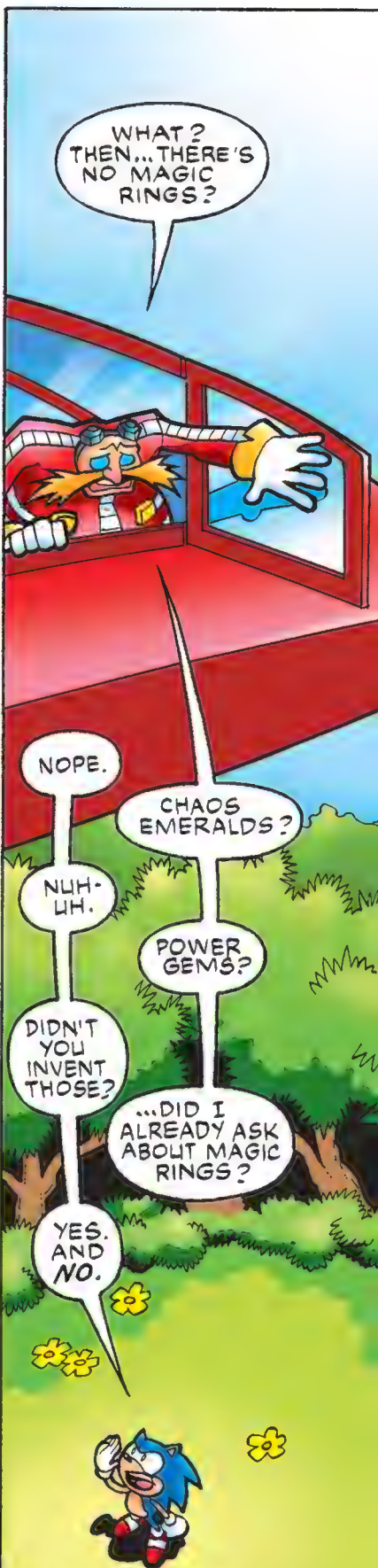
I'VE DETECTED HIGH LEVELS OF MYSTICAL ENERGY HERE AND I PLAN ON DRILLING IT UP FOR MY OWN PURPOSES.

IF YOU INSIST ON GETTING IN THE WAY, PLEASE DO SO UNDER THE DRILL!

HA-HAHA!

I HATE TO BREAK IT TO YOU, EGGMAN, BUT THERE'S NOTHING HERE BUT THE CHAO AND THEIR CHAO GARDEN.

THAT'S WHAT YOU DETECTED!



WHAT? THEN... THERE'S NO MAGIC RINGS?

NOPE.

CHAOS EMERALDS?

NUH-UH.

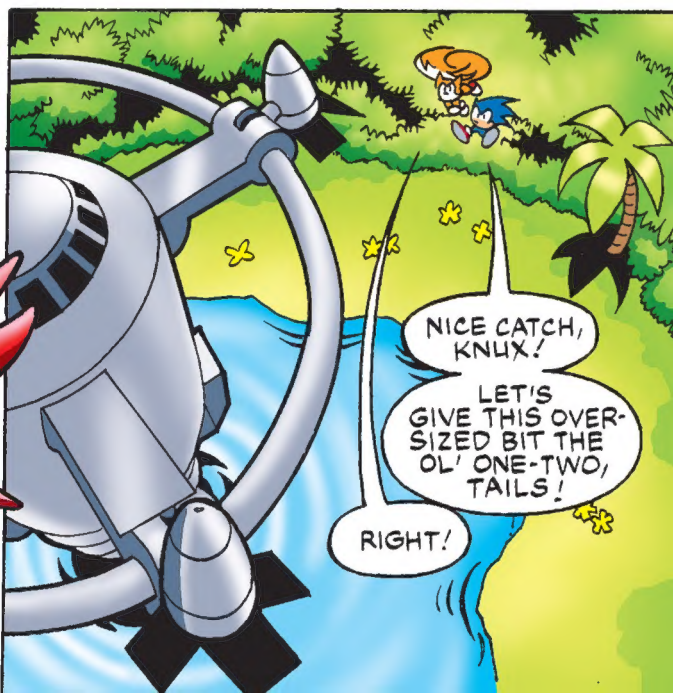
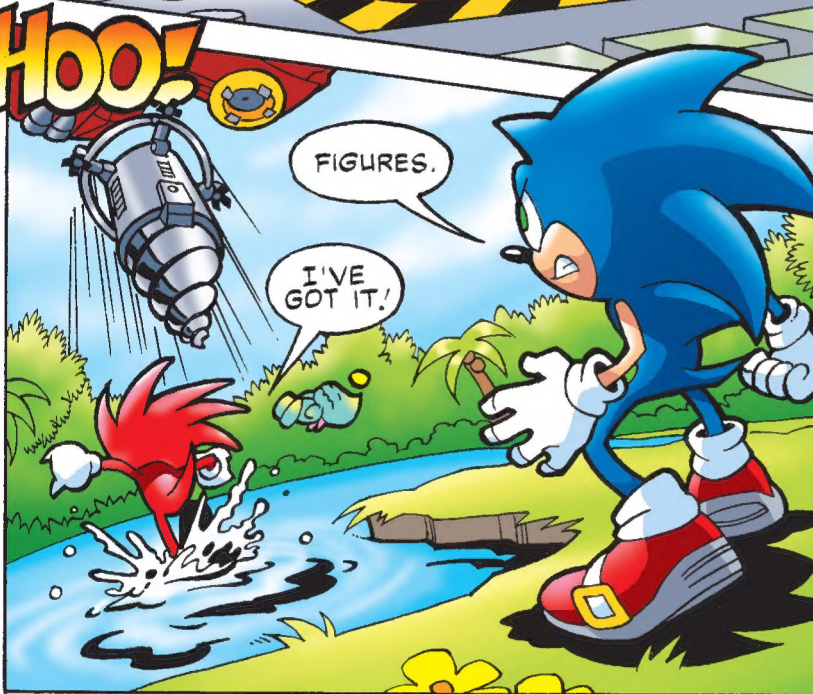
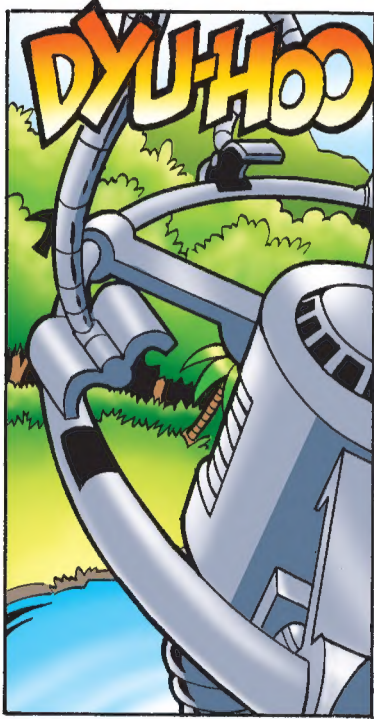
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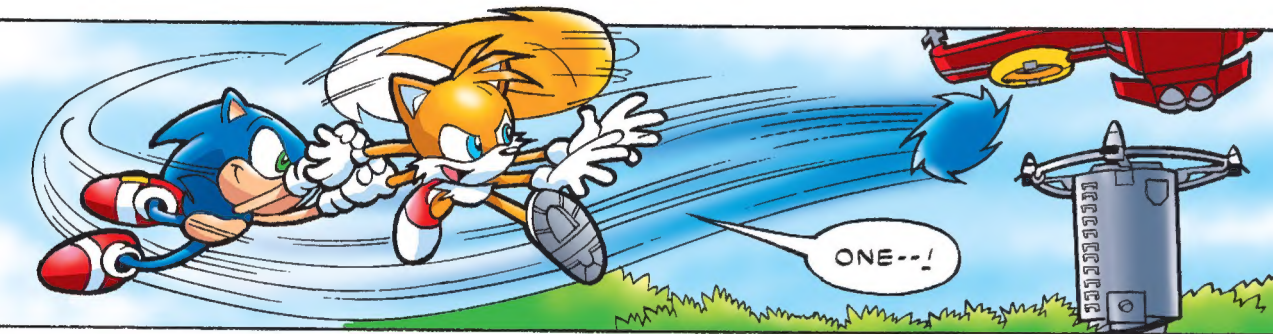
DIDN'T YOU INVENT THOSE?

...DID I ALREADY ASK ABOUT MAGIC RINGS?

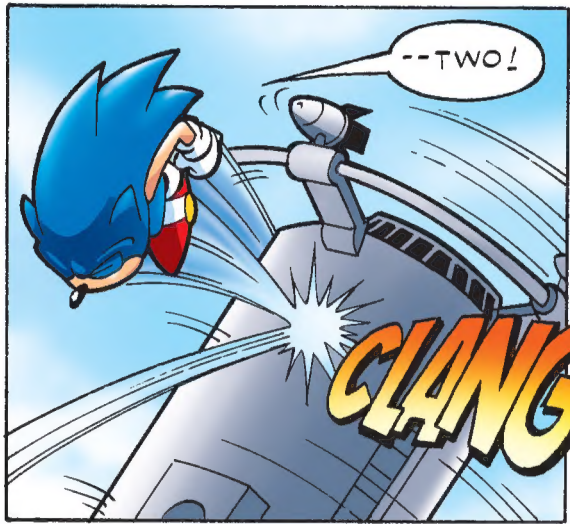
YES AND NO.





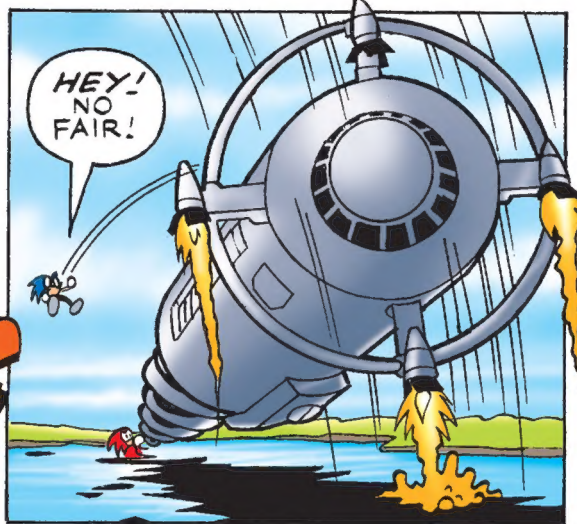


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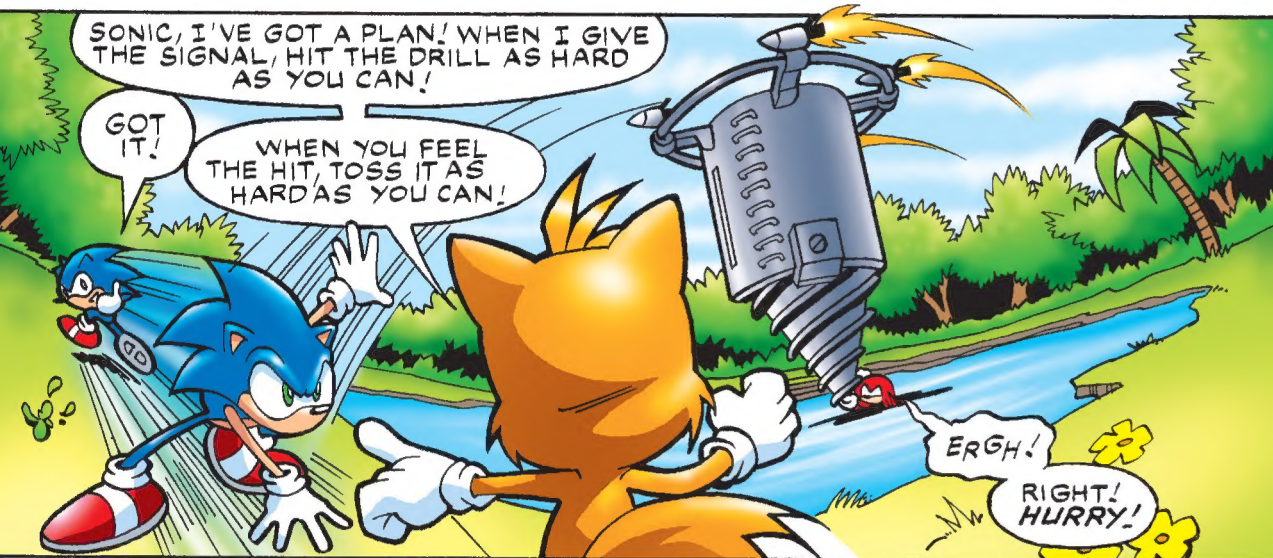


--TWO!

CLANG



HEY!
NO FAIR!



SONIC, I'VE GOT A PLAN! WHEN I GIVE THE SIGNAL, HIT THE DRILL AS HARD AS YOU CAN!

GOT IT!

WHEN YOU FEEL THE HIT, TOSS IT AS HARD AS YOU CAN!

ERGH!

RIGHT!
HURRY!

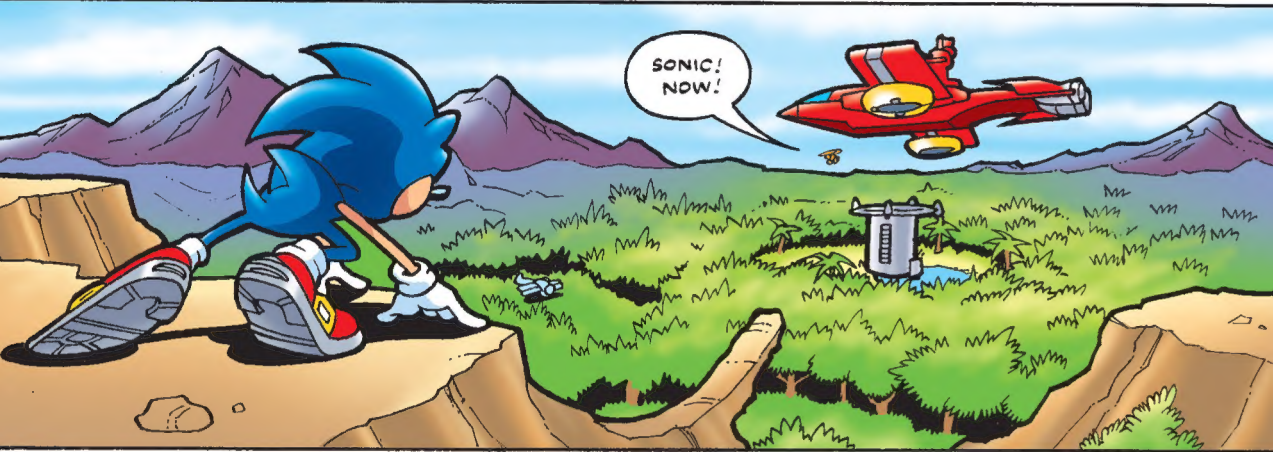
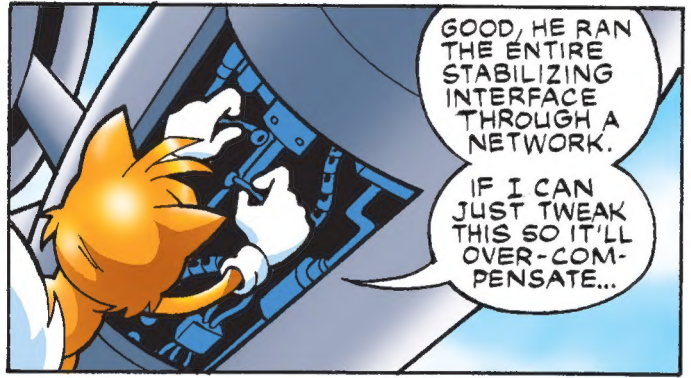
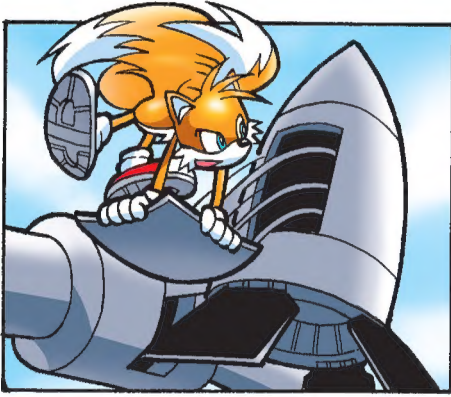


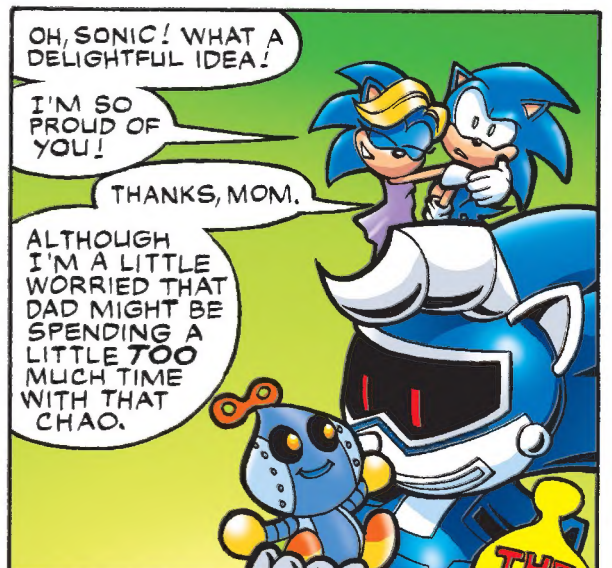
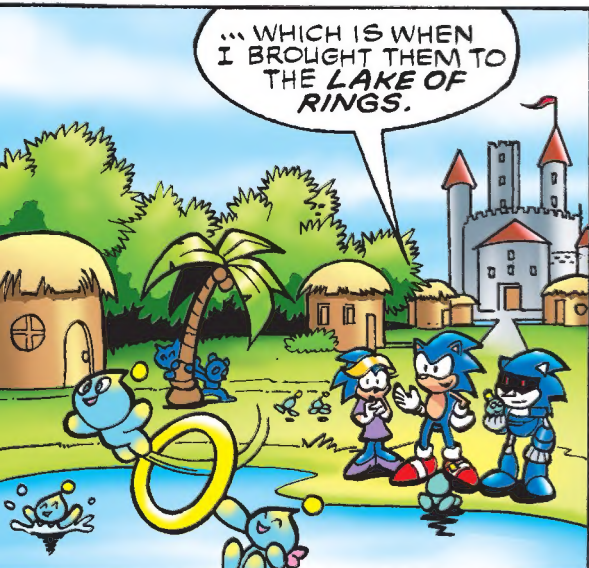
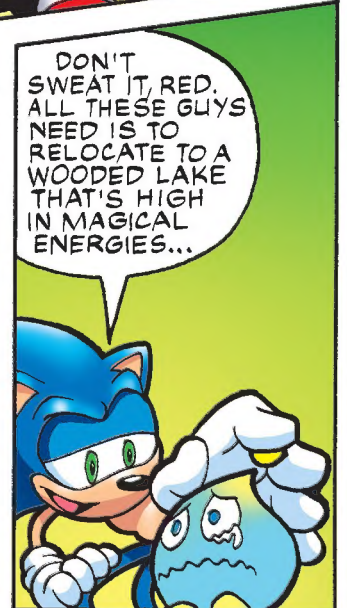
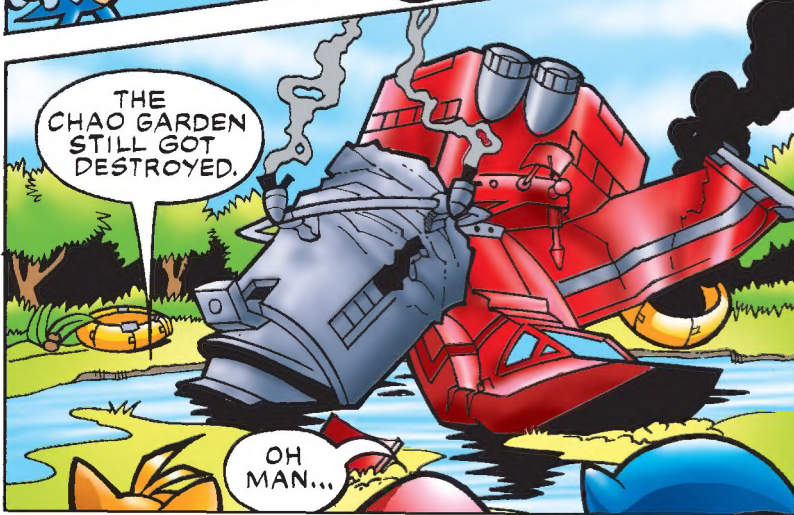
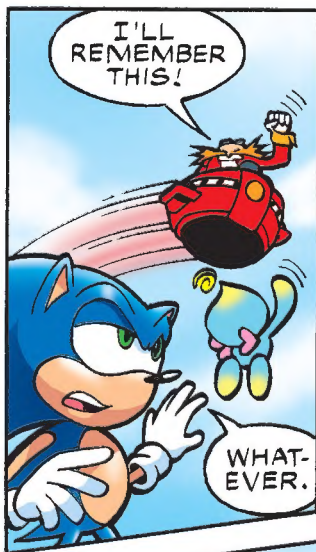
WHAT...?
CHUCKLES!

THAT'S IT GUYS!
PUT SOME MUSCLE INTO IT!



... I CAN'T BELIEVE I JUST CALLED IT 'CHUCKLES!'!





SONIC VS. EGGMAN! THE ULTIMATE SHOWDOWN!
SONIC # 175 IS NOT TO BE MISSED!

THE END